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Letter dated 20 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 25 January 1991 concerning the urgent appeal by my Government addressed through you to the international community and the relevant agencies and institutions for medical and food supplies to the Kuwaiti civilian population in occupied Kuwait.

Since my letter to you, the situation of the civilian population in occupied Kuwait has deteriorated to a point where mass starvation is a very possible reality, the health situation is more than non-existing, and the harsh circumstances under which the captive population and in particular the women and children live demands an immediate action.

I should like to draw your attention to the Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in Emergency and Armed Conflict, which stipulates that:

> "Women and children belonging to the civilian population and finding themselves in circumstances of emergency and armed conflict in the struggle for peace, self-determination, national liberation and independence, or who live in occupied territories, shall not be deprived of shelter, food, medical aid or other inalienable rights, in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Declaration of the Rights of the Child or other instruments of international law" (General Assembly resolution 3318 (XXIX)).

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I have been instructed by my Government to request the immediate dispatch of a medical team to Kuwait to deliver emergency medical supplies and to identify health needs of the civilian population in occupied Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present letter to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
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Permanent Representative